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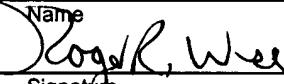
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: PHILLIP A. GRAY
Swee Cheau Chong, et al.) Art Unit: 3767
Serial No: 10/824815) Confirmation No.: 6678
Filed: April 15, 2004)
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.

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